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## Hotel Unions Prepare For Protracted Siege As Negotiations Fail

Negotiations for the settlement of San Francisco's hotel strike broke off for the third time when hotel operators on Tuesday last refused to recognize the hotel clerks' and office employees' rights to collective bargaining and withdrew previously made agreements giving other hotel employees a forty-hour week.

In addition to this, the wages submitted by the hotel owners in their counter proposals were in some cases actually lower than the wages paid in the hotels before the strike was called.

Tuesday's session with the hotel owners ended the series of conferences that were started after the strike began.

The negotiating committee for the six unions agreed to take under advisement counter proposals of the hotel owners for wages and hours.

The first hint that the hotel owners would refuse to recognize the union as a collective bargaining agency for the hotel clerks and office employees came when no wage scales were submitted for these groups.

### Ignore Clerks and Office Employees

Employers had previously refused to grant the clerks and office employees a forty-hour week and a preferential hiring hall. In ignoring them in the wage scales they indicated that they would refuse to recognize their rights to unionization.

In a letter addressed to the negotiating committee the owners also declared that they could not give the forty-hour week and that with the exception "of a few instances" the forty-eight-hour week would prevail in the hotel industry.

"We are entering the second phase of our strike, now," Walter Cowan and Hugo Ernst, president and secretary of the Joint Board of Culinary Workers, said. "In refusing to recognize the clerks' and office employees' rights to collective bargaining, and by withdrawing past agreements, the owners have made a more acutely serious situation. We are just beginning to fight now and will marshal our forces for a long siege.

### Intensive Publicity Campaign

Signs reading, "Long hours, short pay," which were withdrawn from the picket line during the negotiations, were ordered returned after negotiations broke off. "We will use signs to notify the public of a few more conditions," Cowan and Ernst said. "We intend to make up for the time lost while these signs were out of circulation."

Speakers will be dispatched to every labor union in San Francisco, to improvement clubs, women's organizations and fraternal bodies, to give the unions' side of the controversy. If necessary radio time will be engaged to carry the message to the public.

Two square meals will be served daily to the pickets, according to arrangements now being made by Wilson Wallier, relief committee chairman. The meals are being prepared and served by San Francisco's most famous chefs. "The hotel workers are enjoying strike fare," Wallier said. "They compliment us that the food is better than the 'leavings' they got as employees in hotel kitchens."

## SICK PAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Employees of the City and County of San Francisco working on hourly or day basis will not be paid during the first five days of illness if they have to be replaced, according to a final draft of a sick leave ordinance recommended by the Civil Service Commission. If adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the new ordinance will supersede one passed in 1913. Salaried employees generally will receive pay from the first day of illness.

## COURT IS NOT STRIKE-BREAKER

Emphasizing that the "court is not in the strike-breaking business," Superior Judge William T. Bishop of Los Angeles has dismissed trespass conspiracy charges against 262 workers indicted last February, three days after they started a sit-down strike at the huge Douglas Aircraft Company plant. Preliminaries to trial of twenty-six others in the case proceeded.

## Vandeleur Makes Strong Plea for American Federation of Labor

Meeting with 1400 cannery workers from four Stockton plants on Tuesday last, Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, postponed installation of the San Joaquin Cannery Workers' Union charter until today (Friday).

A Stockton dispatch says that Vandeleur pleaded with the workers for a "fair and peaceful" consideration of their problems before Friday's official gathering, when officers of the new union will be installed.

In an impassioned plea for the cause of the American Federation of Labor, Vandeleur assailed the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis.

## C. I. O. Takes Final Step Toward Splitting Up of Union Labor Movement

John L. Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization took another step this week toward setting up a permanent labor organization rivaling the American Federation of Labor.

It issued its first charters to the United Transport Workers, a newly formed union of subway and street car employees in New York City, and the United Chocolate Workers at Hershey, Pa.

Lewis said other charters were being prepared and would be issued soon. Among these will be charters for his own United Mine Workers and other unions affiliated with the C. I. O. since it first undertook to organize mass production workers by industries, in defiance of A. F. of L. craft unionists.

Federation officials continue to prepare for a nation-wide organization campaign this summer to try to break the Lewis movement.

Among the proposals put forward in the A. F. of L. is one to form industrial unions. This proposal calls for eventual dissolution of the industrial unions, with the crafts dividing the members.

The Federation has summoned the presidents of all unions to Cincinnati May 24 to act on the proposals and finance the effort.

## Labor Council Official Takes Decisive Stand On Disruptive Tactics

In an emphatic statement made to the meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council last Friday evening, President Jack Shelley condemned what he termed "disruptive tactics" that can only result in splitting the local labor movement.

He cited a particular instance with reference to organization work in the can factories of this city, in which move, as is well known, he had taken a leading part in all the initiatory activities for the benefit of these workers. The plants of the Pacific, the Western and the American companies had been brought into substantial agreement with the A. F. of L. federal union of employees in that industry, though the pact with the American Company had not yet been finally consummated. President Shelley stated that about this time he was surprised to learn that C. I. O. representatives had surrounded the American plant and circularized the employees in an effort to have them join the C. I. O. movement, setting forth as one inducement the non-payment of initiation fees and dues.

### Question of Jurisdiction

This action, Shelley declared, followed what he had believed to be assurance from the C. I. O. organizers that they were not attempting to infringe upon the jurisdiction of recognized existing organizations in this territory. On his part the Labor Council executive had stated that he was not opposing organization of the unorganized workers under any plan to which the latter should voluntarily subscribe as best suited to their needs. He continued:

"It is no secret that I am sympathetic to any effort to organize the unorganized, but one thing I can not see is working man fighting working man, whether it's C. I. O. or A. F. of L. that is responsible. The only one benefited in that case is the employer.

"If that is the method of C. I. O. organizers in this city, then they are out of step. They are not going to disrupt the organized labor movement here and I want the council to stand behind me in this."

### Council in Accord With Shelley

That President Shelley's statement, here epitomized, struck a responsive chord was evidenced in the ringing applause which he received at its conclusion.

The Labor Council president states as his belief that he feels sure the real leaders in the C. I. O. movement will not countenance the tactics disclosed in the incidents related with reference to the situation in the can manufacturing plants of this city.

### PRINTERS' WAGES RAISED

Nearly 250 printers benefit by the wage increase agreement negotiated by the union at Tampa with the three daily papers of that city. The new scale raises the weekly wage to \$42.70 for day work and \$45.15 for nights, and provides a thirty-five-hour week. Hourly increase was nine cents. The pact was the result of negotiation carried on since expiration of the last arbitration award, terms of which continued until a new contract became effective.



## Bridge Fiesta Ball Will Be Sponsored by Labor

The San Francisco Labor Council and the Building Trades Council are sponsoring one of the biggest entertainment features ever given in the name of labor—the Exposition Fiesta Labor Ball—in Exposition Auditorium May 29.

The entire net proceeds will go to families and dependents of the eleven men who lost their lives during construction of the Golden Gate bridge. It will be the highlight of the Bridge Fiesta and a fitting testimonial to all labor for its part in adding to the advancement of civilization by this mammoth engineering feat.

Both the Labor Council and the Building Trades Council have officially indorsed the affair. John F. Shelley, president of the Labor Council, and Thomas Chambers, president of the Building Trades Council, are co-chairmen. The Golden Gate International Exposition and Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta have underwritten the enterprise.

### Every Union to Participate

"With the wholehearted backing of labor expected for the affair, the ball promises to be the biggest ever staged in Exposition Auditorium," both Shelley and Chambers agreed. Committees from every union in the two councils will handle tickets for the event.

Adding to the affair will be the appearance of some of Hollywood's leading personalities. Al Jolson will be master of ceremonies. Parkyakarkis of radio fame will be another featured headliner. Others are being lined up by a group of committeemen hard at work on the entertainment feature. Highlight of Jolson's program will be "Cavalcade of Jolson's Life," pronounced by Hollywood pro-

ducers as one of the best "shorts" ever produced.

An assemblage of San Francisco visitors exceeding even that of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opening is expected during the Fiesta. In such an atmosphere the Exposition Fiesta Labor Ball will be staged. City, civic and state officials will also co-operate to make the ball the biggest ever staged.

### To Feature Large Mural

A decorative scheme unique in labor circles will be featured, with the construction of a stage simulating the Golden Gate bridge across the Auditorium stage. On this the entertainers will parade and perform before the huge assemblage. A mural of the 1939 Exposition site will hang behind the bridge. This is the largest mural ever done of the site now being readied for the 1939 fete.

Both the smaller halls will be used for dancing and two additional bands will be employed. Walt Rosener, with his thirty-piece orchestra, will furnish music. Six-piece orchestras will play in the smaller halls.

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi will be requested to aid in making the program a success.

### NOTE FOR UNEMPLOYED STUDENTS

College, high school and business school students who are interested in finding jobs for which little experience is required are advised to investigate the beginning positions in the California state government, in a statement from the office of the State Personnel Board. More than 20,000 men and women work for the state, and the turnover in employment is said to result in a large number of vacancies. The great majority of the openings are filled by competitive civil service examinations.

### Temporary Injunction Refused Against New Alameda Council

A temporary injunction seeking to prevent the newly chartered Oakland Labor Council from functioning was denied this week by Superior Judge Leon E. Gray of Oakland.

The action was brought by thirty unions, affiliated with the old Labor Council, and seventy-one union members. Its charter was revoked recently by Roland Watson, A. F. of L. organizer.

The defense maintained the petitioning unions had no right in the matter because they were not "in good standing with the American Federation of Labor." Most of the petitioning unions are locals affiliated with the C. I. O.

The court said it was not passing on the merits of the charter revocation. Judge Gray held, however, that William Spooner, secretary of both the old and new councils, and other council officers had the right to hold the books of the council and act for it.

## Labor Measure Held in State Senate Committee

In the California State Senate last Monday, by a vote of 28 to 6 the body declined to bring to the floor, from the labor and capital committee, the proposed "little Wagner Act." The measure, which had previously passed the Assembly, had been referred by the upper house to the above-named committee. The bill was one of the major numbers on the legislative program of the California State Federation of Labor.

Although Senator Olson declared the proposed act did not affect agricultural labor, the senators from the farming sections of California voted in a bloc against withdrawing the bill from committee.

Senator Bradford S. Crittenden, Stockton, declared his chief objection to the law was that "there was not one element to provide for mediation of labor disputes in the bill."

Senator T. H. DeLap, Contra Costa county, supported the move to bring the bill out of committee, declaring his belief that "if no state body is set up for those in intrastate business, the federal authorities will encroach upon state affairs under the national Wagner act."

The act sought to establish a California labor relations board of three \$7500 a year members and to insure employees the right of collective bargaining.

Objections were raised to the bill by Senators Andrew R. Schottky, Merced; James B. Holohan, Santa Cruz, and Frank W. Mixer of Exeter, on the ground that it set forth unfair labor practices for the employer, but not for the employee.

Senator Olson called the bill, introduced in the lower house by Assemblyman Sam Yorty, Los Angeles, "a new deal measure applied to California."

News dispatches on Wednesday stated that Secretary Vandeleur of the State Federation of Labor had been instrumental in having the "little Wagner Act" written into a labor mediation bill approved by the Senate when it reached the Assembly labor and capital committee. If the Senate accepts the bill as thus amended it will become law. Labor's representatives have taken the stand they will not consent to mediation unless it is established as a matter of law that the right of labor to bargain collectively through their own representatives shall not be among the issues subject to mediation or arbitration.

### AGREEMENT WITH WAREHOUSEMEN

Warehousemen and Cereal Workers' Union No. 38-44, I. L. A., and the Incandescent Supply Company of San Francisco are parties to a one-year agreement signed last week providing for minimum wage rates, time and a half for overtime, the forty-four-hour week and non-discrimination against union members.

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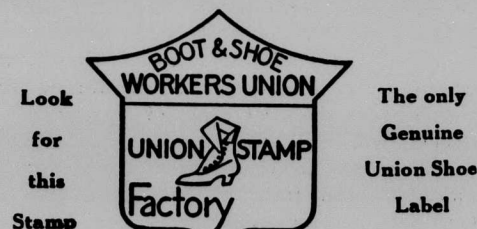
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## General Labor Notes

The Barbers' Union in San Diego has placed the union shop card in twelve more barber shops in that city.

Less than 500 workers were employed on the Golden Gate Bridge at the beginning of this week, the construction work now being in its final stages.

Thirty unions are now represented in the Central Labor Council of Vallejo, and it is stated the large majority never fail to take advantage of the opportunities made possible by the Council.

At the recent city election in Long Beach an ordinance was adopted providing for the Sunday closing of meat markets. The measure had the active support of the Meat Cutters' Union in addition to other organized groups.

Steady progress, increase in business and improvement in financial standing were reported by officers at the annual stockholders and directors' meeting of the Union Labor Life Insurance Company held in Baltimore. A dividend of three per cent was declared on outstanding stock.

Will R. Boyer, secretary-treasurer of the International Broom and Whisk Makers' Union since 1912, died in Chicago last week. He was considered an authority on the prison labor question, and was an incessant worker for the betterment of the blind.

Unions and employers signed an agreement in Portland last week which it was stated will end a logging industry controversy that brought idleness to approximately 13,000. Logging operations were to resume immediately, with sawmills opening as soon as logs were available.

The A. F. of L. has opened a special office in Seattle from which an organization campaign will be directed. Charles Hughes, a former business agent for the Plumbers' Union, is in charge, and has announced that a regional A. F. of L. meeting will be held the latter part of this month.

The Tacoma local of the United Garment Workers of America has won an important victory in signing up Day's Tailored Clothing, Inc., to a 100 per cent union agreement. The firm will now use the U. G. W. of A. union label, which is the only label recognized in the garment factories by the American Federation of Labor.

Mayor Shaw of Los Angeles has named A. W. Hoch as one of that city's official representatives at the bridge fiesta in San Francisco. Mr. Hoch is a member of the Machinists' Union, a former president of the State Federation of Labor, and is at present a member of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works.

Milk truck drivers of Sacramento and their employers have signed an agreement which includes two weeks' vacation with pay, a reduction of one hour a day and a ten per cent wage increase, according to an announcement by George Stokel, business representative of the Teamsters and a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor.

### SPEAKING TOUR TO AID MOONEY

Under auspices of the Bay Area A. F. of L. Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings a statewide speaking tour in behalf of the two imprisoned men will begin on May 20 and continue until June 5. Attorney George Davis of the counsel

for Mooney, and Assemblyman Richie of San Diego will be heard at these meetings. Sacramento, Bakersfield, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Pedro, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Jose, Stockton, Oakland, Vallejo, Rodeo and Eureka are included in the itinerary.

### SECRETARY O'CONNELL IMPROVES

The many friends of John A. O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, are pleased to learn that reports from the hospital where he has been confined the past ten days are at present in a favorable vein. He has been resting much more comfortably the last few days and able to partake of more substantial food, and the few visitors permitted to be received are much encouraged at his progress. It is truly welcome news.

### MAXWELL ON EASTERN TRIP

Milton S. Maxwell, well-known local official of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America, and member of the executive council of the parent body, left for the East last week to attend a meeting of the council. Maxwell's activities in organization work in his craft, particularly during recent months, have been outstanding, and his report to the international officials will doubtless be most interesting. He is expected to return home the latter part of the week.

### Reforms in Balloting Practice

#### Favored by Commonwealth Club

By an overwhelming vote the Commonwealth Club of California has gone on record in favor of:

(1) Determining a measure's position on the November state ballot by lot, instead of, as at present, by the secretary of state's arbitrarily assigning it a number.

(2) Requiring the secretary of state to give public notice inviting citizens to contribute pro and con arguments on ballot measures for the official voters' pamphlet in event such arguments are not forthcoming under present provisions.

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As part of the proposed agreement the union is asking for wage increase of fifty cents daily, making \$6.10 for drivers and \$5.50 for inside men. Deliveries after 8 a. m. instead of the present 5 a. m. are also asked for by the workers.

Strike sanction has already been placed in the hands of the union's committee should negotiations prove unavailing.

### BERRY NAMED TO U. S. SENATE

The governor of Tennessee last week appointed George L. Berry to fill the unexpired term in the United States Senate recently made vacant by the death of Senator Bachman of that state. The new appointee is president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, the headquarters of which organization are located in Tennessee, and was chosen to the latter position while engaged at the trade in San Francisco, where he was well known. During the World War he attained the rank of major in the United States army service. Some two years ago he was named by President Roosevelt as federal industrial co-ordinator, with the duty of bringing labor and industry into harmonious relationship in the economic field. In the campaign of last year he was a leader in organizing the Labor Non-Partisan League, which supported the candidacy of President Roosevelt, and still remains the chairman of that body.

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## Communism and Its Cure

Walter I. Plant, District of Columbia deputy of the Knights of Columbus, is one man who has gotten to the bottom of the communist movement in this country. He knows the communist program, he knows what breeds communism, and he knows the cure for the subversive doctrines which, unless exterminated, he declares, "will sweep through every fiber of the social structure, and eat away the very foundations of the greatest democracy the world has ever known."

Many who will agree with his observations on the tactics of the "red" brothers will be inclined to frown on his proposals for their extermination; for, after all, unless engaged in some unlawful activity, American citizens, and even the stranger within our gates, are entitled to entertain whatever views they may choose touching upon political economy, the science of government or any other question, providing, of course, they do not endeavor to put them into effect through unlawful means. It is not unlawful to preach communism, Bahaim, Buddhism or any other "ism" in the United States.

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Speaking over a nation-wide hookup of the National Broadcasting Company recently, Mr. Plant said, among other things:

"Not so many years ago the Communist party in the United States was a weakly knitted band of disgruntled crackpots. We can all recall that the mention of 'reds' in the United States was brushed aside as so much nonsense.

"The depression gave the communists the opportunity they had long sought in this country. They used that opportunity to the fullest extent, with the result that today the party and its spirited organizers constitute a real and not an imaginary menace to our national security.

"The 'reds' have banded together into a progressive organization, working day and night for the destruction of our democracy. Are we going to stand by passively and allow them to destroy our homes, our churches, our freedom and every other foundation of a democracy for which our forbears fought and bled to build?"

The speaker answered his own question by saying: "The Knights of Columbus certainly will not tolerate such conditions. They have spoken." This appears to be somewhat in the nature of a threat patterned after the practice of the very element he berates.

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However, in a somewhat more restrained manner, he declares that the American people already hold the weapon that will crush communism—that weapon being social justice. He explains:

"The communist is primarily a rabble-rouser, with little regard for the truth. Like a drowning

man, he snatches for the smallest straw of discontent in an effort to buoy up a dying cause.

"The communist is overjoyed at low wages and unemployment. They are his springboard to bigger and better tirades against capitalism in general and the United States in particular."

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The speaker appealed directly to Catholic employers to follow the social and economic doctrines outlined by the Popes of Rome in their various encyclicals on the relationship between workers and their employers, saying:

"By so doing they will contribute in a large measure to the nation-wide drive against communism. It is an incontrovertible fact that a general hiking of wages and better working conditions would be a smashing blow to the nefarious activities of communists who live off unrest and trumped up charges of mistreatment.

"I believe if employers throughout the country would make a concerted effort to raise the standard of working conditions one of the main arguments against capitalism, as advanced by the communists, would be shot from under them."

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Had he stopped here Mr. Plant's effort would have been most effective. But he falls into the common error—an error, by the way, which is the chief weapon of the element which he himself is berating—of belittling and denouncing the communists as "cunning," "despicable," and "bent on the destruction of the nation for their own profit." "They are," he says, "making their living by beating the masses into a fury over imaginary social ills."

A man who, like Mr. Plant, is able to command the ears of a nation, should know that the "social ills" which have been taken as a text by the communists in their tirades against present-day society are anything but "imaginary."

With millions still out of work and on public relief, with the federal government at wits' end to provide funds for this relief, and with states and municipalities bled white with taxation to provide means of relieving the wants of the unfortunate, it would seem that there are plenty of real social ills to supply the soap box orators with material without resorting to the imagination.

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A common fault of the debater is to belittle his opponent. Mr. Plant says that the germ of communism "thrives only in the recesses of ignorance and intolerance. It makes headway only among non-thinking people, misguided by unscrupulous leaders."

He suggests as a cure for the dissemination of radical doctrines the passage of laws that would empower the secretary of labor to deport communists, especially alien communists, "simply and expeditiously." Another suggestion Mr. Plant makes is that "when the House and Senate act on relief measures they will insert an amendment denying federal funds to aliens who seek our destruction." Such a measure, he says, "would be one sure method of suppressing a large segment of communist activities in this country."

On the contrary, such measures would tend to increase communistic converts, and would furnish the very conditions upon which communism thrives.

Mr. Plant, earlier in his address, suggested the real cure for communism when he said:

"Communism is an insidious germ bred in the fields of social unrest created through unemployment, low wages, sweat shops and management's mistreatment of the workers. Remove the cause of this unrest and you remove one of the most powerful props supporting the communist theory of social betterment."

Erika Mann, playwright, anti-Nazi refugee, and daughter of Thomas Mann, has announced her intention of becoming an American citizen.

## Sheltering Low-Wage Industry

The percentage of increase of industrial establishments in Mississippi from 1933 to 1935 was second only to Michigan, a survey of the State Planning Commission disclosed, but because of the state's low ranking in industry prior to that time, Mississippi still trails its neighboring southern states.

The survey shows that during the two-year period the state registered a 42 per cent increase in the number of industrial establishments, a 33 per cent increase in the number of wage earners.

The increase in Mississippi industries has been due in large part to efforts by the state to attract industries by means of subsidies. Labor has charged that Governor White has used state subsidies as a bait to low-wage employers.

That the policy of the state's chief executive does not meet with unanimous approval of the citizens is evidenced in the fact that the editor of the Tupelo "Journal," who apparently has some very decided economic views in consonance with the modern trend of thought, has been carrying on a vigorous fight against the governor's plan. The Mississippi editor has this to say:

"What we have done is to balance our exceedingly low agricultural income with an equally low industrial income. We have taken the women off the farm and put them to work for a wage which is below the level of a decent standard of living. What we need to do is to balance our agricultural income with that of other sections of America where agriculture yields a third to a half again as much as it does here and to set our industrial development on a level with that of workers in other states who secure wages fifty to one hundred per cent higher than those secured by the Columbia workers. (In Columbia, Miss., a garment factory was established under Governor White's plan which pays wages of about \$5 a week.)

"Some people say, 'Well, they are making more than they ever did.' That may be true, but in the modern age we have learned that the state can not profit by allowing its people to be exploited. Why should we give some outside corporation free taxes and a free building just to come to our state and work our people for less than a living wage?

"But some will say that these young women can live at home and not have to pay board and and that they can afford to receive less. What does that do to people in other states where they will not allow sweat shop operators to pay such low wages? It simply means that other American workers are thrown out of employment and the work is given to underpaid and overworked Mississippi women.

"Mississippi is effectively aiding in the breakdown of American living standards by its failure to safeguard the rights of its workers."

Congressman Franck R. Havenner of the Fourth California district announces his intention of introducing at an early date a measure for complete rehabilitation of the Presidio of San Francisco, following detailed construction plans already proposed. Hearty approval is given the announcement, not only from residents at the famed military post but from California in general, into whose history and affection it is so inextricably woven. No more urgent need, in that department of national affairs, could command attention of Congress.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has given indorsement to the 1937 "Poppy Sale" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, such sale having for its object the raising of funds for relief of "the widows and orphans of the soldier dead." It is stated that the poppy emblems are fashioned by disabled and needy ex-service men, a great majority of whom are in government hospitals.



## La Follette Committee Unearths Atrocities

By GEORGE L. KNAPP

Murder is a hardy perennial in Harlan County, Kentucky. Saturday, April 24, 1937, four Harlan "mine guards" murdered Lloyd Clouse, organizer for the United Mine Workers, and wounded and beat up his brother, Jasper Clouse.

The daily newspapers and their press associations didn't bring this information to Washington. It came in a much more roundabout way. George Titler and James S. Golden, also union organizers in the Harlan fields, wired the information to William Turnblazer, president of the U. M. W. district which includes Harlan, and Turnblazer sent it on to Senator La Follette, who read it into the record of the hearings of the Civil Liberties Committee. Hitler and Mussolini are not the only chaps who censor the news when and where they can.

Even before this bit of "spot news" arrived, the La Follette hearings had been gaining in dramatic quality at each session. Marshall A. Musick, Baptist preacher and part-time coal miner of Harlan County, who had been on the stand before, came back to tell of the murder of his son.

### Describes Son's Death

He stated the fact, said that the son was killed because the father was a union man and organizer, and gave place to his wife. Twisting a handkerchief wet with tears, Mrs. Musick told how her son Bennett was listening to the radio about 9 o'clock on February 9 when bullets began to rip through the walls of the cabin.

"Bennett jest pitched out of his chair an' kind o' crawled toward the bedroom," she testified, smothering her sobs as best she could. "He was dead before I ever got to speak to him." Splinters of a door knob shattered by the bullets wounded the mother in the leg and hurt a younger son. Bennett was 19 years old.

Hugh Taylor, a deputy sheriff of Harlan County, told on the stand that he had been offered \$100 to take part in shooting up the Musick home. He promised to take part in the attack, fearing that he would be killed if he refused, but managed to have business elsewhere when the time came.

### Deputies Try Murder

His fears were justified eleven days later. On the night of February 20 he was going home when his car was stopped by three other deputies, two of whom he knew and named, and a pistol was put to his head.

"I grabbed the gun with my left hand, and it fired," he testified; "and then I grabbed for it with my right hand. It exploded and the bullet went through my wrist. I managed to get out and reached for my own guns, but my hands were useless. Then I started to run."

### Victim Offered Bribe

Deputy Frank White, one of the trio, fired again and the bullet struck Taylor in the hip.

"I fell down and played dead," he said. "They turned me over, and said I was as dead as I ever would be, and went away."

He was carried to a hospital by a passing car,

and there another deputy visited him and told him to move, or they would "get" him. He was moved to a hospital in another county. Later he was offered \$2000 to ignore the subpoena of the Senate Committee, and stay hidden. He accepted the offer, but they paid him only \$62.50, so he came down to testify.

His evidence was corroborated by several other witnesses.

Washington, D. C.

### CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL PROJECT

The Surprise Valley Corporation of Alturas, Calif., may use up to \$500,000 to build 344 miles of line and a generating plant to serve 809 customers in Modoc and Lassen counties, California, and Lake county, Oregon, under terms of a contract with the Rural Electrification Administration. Approximately \$90,000 will be used to build a 900 k. w. h. generating plant. Originally the project in California and the one in Oregon were developed separately, but they were combined to secure economies of large-scale purchases of materials and the centralization of power supply.

### Procedure in Making Claims for Social Security Lump-Sum Payment

Men and women who during the year 1937 become sixty-five years of age, and have been employed since January 1 in any of the employments covered by the wage earners' retirement provisions of the Federal Social Security Act, and in addition thereto are able to prove their age, name and address of employer or employers during this year, time worked for each employer in 1937 up to the day before the wage earner's sixty-fifth birthday, and amount received to that date from each employer since January 1, can collect a lump sum of three and one-half per cent of amount earned, as his benefit under the act.

Claims should be made to the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C., and each regional or district office of the said board will assist in preparing claims. No attorneys are needed, and only in case of the claim exceeding \$100 would a notary's fee be required. In case of death of such a claimant during 1937, the family or legal heir or heirs of the deceased may make claim for the benefit.

The regional office of the Social Security Board in San Francisco is located in the Humboldt Bank Building on Market street, and the office of the Labor Council will furnish additional information in case such is asked for.

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## Rapid Strides Shown by Teamsters' Brotherhood

Officials of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America report that during the last quarter 25,167 new members were initiated into the locals of that organization.

Late reports are from Vancouver, where sixty recruits were secured in an organization drive. Elgin, Ill., has a campaign under way driving toward 100 per cent local organization. In Detroit 750 were enrolled in the Bakery Drivers, the latter co-operating with the inside workers and refusing to sign contracts unless the Bakers' Union is recognized.

Drivers for the Sanitary Milk Company at Kansas City, Kan., won a four-day strike and secured a wage increase together with the right to refuse deliveries to establishments whose workers are on strike. In Chicago 3800 members of the Mid-West Taxi Drivers' Union voted to unite with the Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union and to affiliate with the local Joint Council, report being made at the same time that negotiations are progressing with the Yellow and Checker cab companies for a wage increase and union shop agreement.

In Toledo the organization's growth has been so rapid that five business agents, instead of one, are now necessary to look after the numerous details. Initiation of thirty-four members at Bremerton, Wash., brought the strength of that local to near the 700 mark.

### CARPENTERS' OFFICIAL PASSES

Thomas F. Flynn, president of the Carpenters' District Council of Chicago, died recently in that city, at the age of sixty years. For the last ten years he had also been a representative of the Carpenters and Joiners at the conventions of the American Federation of Labor.

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## Study Committee Named On Social Security Act

Announcement was made from Washington this week that the Senate finance committee and the Social Security Board have agreed upon the appointment of an advisory committee of twenty-four, representing labor, industry and the public, to study the advisability of amending the federal social security act.

The news dispatches also stated that the creation of the committee is in line with certain proposals made by Republican members of Congress headed by Senator Vandenburg of Michigan having as one of their objectives extending scope of the law and abolishing the plan for creating a reserve fund of \$47,000,000,000. These proponents have contended that adoption of a "pay-as-you-go" plan would permit higher benefits during early years of the program and a more gradual increase in the taxes.

Senator Harrison, Democratic chairman of the Senate finance committee, said that no fundamental changes in the act would be recommended at this session of Congress.

Having under consideration Title II (old age

pension section) of the act, the new committee will study the advisability of the following: Commencing payment of monthly benefits sooner than January 1, 1942; increasing monthly benefit payments for those retiring in early years; extending benefits to persons who become incapacitated prior to age 65; extending benefits to survivors of individuals entitled to such benefits; extending benefits under title II to include groups now excluded; increasing taxes less rapidly under title VIII (unemployment compensation section); size, character and disposition of reserves.

Among those representing the public on the advisory committee will be A. L. Mowbray of the University of California. Labor members of the committee are: G. M. Bugniet, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Harvey Fremming, Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers' International Union; John P. Frey, Metal Trades Department, American Federation of Labor; Sidney Hillman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Philip Murray, United Mine Workers, and Matthew Woll, International Photo Engravers' Union.

### DATE FOR FAMOUS PICNIC

Molders' Union No. 164 gives early notice that Sunday, June 20, is not an open date for any other contemplated outing, for the day has already been staked out and duly recorded for that organization's famous annual picnic, at Neptune Beach, in Alameda. Likewise that its famous entertainment, including its famous baseball game—this year between the Molders and the Boilermakers—will be among the attractions which can be enjoyed for an admission price of 40 cents, with children under twelve years free.

### GARAGE EMPLOYEES' DANCE

The third annual ball of Garage Employees' Union No. 665 will be held on Saturday evening of next week, May 22, at California Hall, Polk and Turk streets. Dancing and varied entertainment features will enliven this yearly reunion of the membership of this very live organization. Admission will be \$1 per couple.

## Statement of Herndon On High Court Ruling

The following statement was issued recently in New York by Angelo Herndon on the decision of the United States Supreme Court freeing him from a sentence of eighteen to twenty years' imprisonment on the Georgia chain-gang on a charge of "inciting to insurrection":

"The decision of the United States Supreme Court in my case is a decisive victory for all the progressive forces in the country. It strikes another heavy blow at the 'Jim Crow' oppression of the negro people. The five years of ceaseless and unyielding struggle conducted by the International Labor Defense, its friends and many sympathizers against the barbarous Georgia anti-slave insurrection law has not been in vain. The universal concern of thousands of lovers of freedom, justice and democracy was so great that the Supreme Court dared not repeat the same kind of reactionary decision as it did twice before in my case. The fact that I was freed by a narrow margin of one lone justice, who switched to the side of the four liberals, is proof that the fight of my friends and defenders caused the nine wily justices many headaches and sleepless nights.

"Naturally, I am happy to be free again. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have worked so untiringly for my freedom. But I cannot be contented with the personal freedom to move around without molestation from those forces which would not only like to snatch me from the noble fight for the emancipation of the negro people and others who are members of the lowly—but who want to continue in perpetuation their evil and cruel oppression of all workers. It has been a great fight. There is still greater work to do, and I am happy that I shall be able to contribute whatever I can to the continuation of this fight."

## Governor Lehman of New York Approves Minimum Wage Bill

Governor Lehman of New York used ten pens in signing the minimum wage bill, which once more protects women and minors in that state from exploitation by starvation pay. The ten pens were distributed, one each, to the legislators who had sponsored the bill in Senate and Assembly, and to leaders of labor and civic organizations who had championed it.

Governor Lehman also signed three bills limiting hours of work for women and minors employed as elevator operators, hotel and restaurant workers, and employees of telegraph companies.

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## "Big Four" to Profit From Tariff Reduction

It's a strange wind that blows the "big four" tobacco companies no good. They are actually making cash profits of about \$567,000 a year out of a reduction in the tariff. Some folks are just born lucky—and ornery, says an I. L. N. S. story from Washington.

The story was told to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives by M. J. Flynn, executive secretary of America's Wage Earners' Protective Conference. Flynn said in part:

"We oppose the imposition of additional taxes on our workers when, at almost the same time, a few Americans who own and dominate a cigarette paper producing concern in France, which concern controls the distribution of some 99 per cent of the cigarette paper imported, receives a gift in the form of reduced taxes of some half million dollars yearly.

### Cigarette Paper Duty Cut

"The duty on cigarette paper was reduced recently from 60 per cent to 45 per cent. On imports of \$3,892,000 in 1915 this means a decrease of \$567,000 in duty paid.

"Two or three rather interesting facts should be considered in the light of this saving.

"One is that it goes directly into the pockets of the 'big four' tobacco trust, since it will in no wise lead to a reduced price of cigarettes.

### Independents Don't Benefit

"The other is that one of the paper mills producing this cigarette paper in France is owned by the American Tobacco Company.

"A third fact worth considering is that the benefit of this reduction does not extend to the independent and smaller cigarette companies; because they use paper manufactured in the United States.

"In other words, the higher priced cigarettes, which need no further margin of profits since the tobacco trust earns about 15 per cent on an inflated investment, were given a further concession, while 10-cent cigarettes, which are hard pressed, were left out in the cold, as usual."

Flynn tells large chunks of truth; such important truth that it is worth saying over again in different words, to make sure that every reader understands it.

### Only "Big Four" Helped

The reduction in tariff on cigarette paper does not benefit the American consumer, because there is not and never will be a reduction in the price of cigarettes from that cause. As a matter of

fact, the "big four" companies have increased prices of their cigarettes since then.

It does not help the manufacturers of 10-cent cigarettes, who employ union labor; for they use domestic paper.

It benefits no one but the "big four"—American, Liggett & Myers, J. R. Reynolds, and P. Lorillard.

And the "big four," in 1932, made net profits larger than the total sum which they paid to their employees for work and to American farmers for tobacco.

### EMIGRATION FROM ETHIOPIA

Mass emigrations are taking place from Ethiopia to Berbera, British Somaliland, as the population seeks refuge from Italian Fascist terror. More than one thousand men, women and children, some of them shot by the Fascists, crossed the border into British Somaliland, pursued by an Italian army plane.

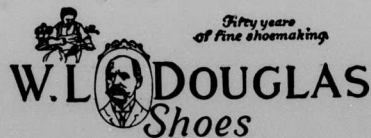
## Substantial Gains Made in Detroit By All Classes of Hotel Employees

It is estimated that 7500 employees of fifteen Detroit hotels will have their wages increased through an agreement signed by the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions and the hotel representatives.

The agreement was reached through an arbitration board, of which Mayor Frank Couzens was chairman, and establishes the preferential union shop. In addition to establishing wages and working conditions for the regularly organized workers in the culinary crafts, the pact also grants an increased wage to linen room employees, maids, cleaners, housemen, elevator operators, doormen, wall washers, yardmen, ice men, valets and other miscellaneous help.

The hotels covered in the agreement are: The Book-Cadillac, Statler, Fort Shelby, Detroit-Leland, the Belcrest, Wardell, Palmetto, Webster Hall, Clifford, Imperial, Fairbairn, Seward, Wolverine, Abington Apartments, Norton. All are members of the Detroit Hotel Association.

President Flore of the International Hotel and Restaurant Employees appeared before the board as representative of the workers involved.



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## See Hill-Sheppard Bill As Blow to Labor Rights

The Hill-Sheppard bill, proposed as a plan to "take the profits out of war," is regarded in labor circles as really a plan to take away the hard won liberties of labor under pretense of national necessity.

W. C. Hushing of the A. F. of L. appeared before the House and Senate committees considering the bill, and registered labor's objections to the one sided autocracy which the bill would create. The C. I. O. did not appear formally at the hearings, but the comments from that quarter are quite as uncomplimentary as those of the A. F. of L. Two railroad brotherhoods, the Firemen and Enginemen and the Trainmen, told the committees labor's objections to the bill.

Among comments expressed by various labor representatives throughout the country, in opposing the measure, are the following: "It is typical of militarism, economic royalty and profiteering run to legislative seed." "A dangerous measure which, under the guise of an emergency situation, can be used to take away civil rights, particularly the rights of labor." "The contents of the bill are decidedly injurious to collective bargaining." "It's a labor conscription bill."

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## Run o' the Hook

(This department is conducted by the president of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21)

The monthly meeting of Typographical Union No. 21 will be held next Sunday, beginning at 1 p. m., in Convention Hall, Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth Street, corner of Capp. While a number of reports from both special and standing committees are to be presented, among the most important of which, perhaps, being that of the scale committee, which has been engaged in negotiating a book and job agreement for some time, they are all quite brief and of a character that may not require much discussion to dispose of, thus assuring adjournment at a reasonable hour. It being the union's Memorial Day, respect for those members who have departed this life in the last twelve months will be shown in the reverential manner that has been the custom since the establishment of the day. Your presence at this meeting, which is urged, will tend to augment and hold the increased interest in the union's affairs which is becoming more apparent with each succeeding month.

E. F. ("Gene") Walters, former chairman of the "Examiner" composing room chapel, whose illness has kept him virtually bedfast at his home, 64 Gladys Street, for the last several months, has been removed to a hospital.

George A. Maitland, holder of an honorable withdrawal card, but still well known among the book and job printers and well remembered because of his more or less recent work on the committee which revised the union's book of laws, is reported to be seriously ill. Mr. Maitland lives at 2722 Octavia Street, near Union.

Newspapers printers of St. Louis have been granted a wage increase of \$3.75 a week, of which \$2.50 will become effective June 1 and the remainder on December 1. A seven per cent increase for commercial printers will also become effective June 1. Both scales will run until December of next year.

Four veteran members of Denver Typographical Union who contributed 1000 ems of type toward the original Union Printers' Home fund nearly fifty years ago were among the first with their

fifty cents to the endowment fund which is now being subscribed throughout the I. T. U. jurisdiction. The four above mentioned were Ira G. Gwinnup, D. S. Calvert, C. W. Christy and Otto F. Thum. Wonder how many members of No. 21 can actually recall having made the "1000" contribution back in those early days when heroic efforts were being made to add to the original Childs-Drexel gift of \$10,000, thus aiding in starting construction upon the Home that has grown to such magnificent proportions?

### "Chronicle" Chapel Notes

William W. Roberts, substitute proofreader, was stricken with illness at his hotel last Thursday and it was found necessary to remove him to the San Francisco Hospital. His condition is reported improved but he is still a very sick man.

Completely surprising Chapel members, Harry Miner, chapel secretary, "went and done it." He took a bride and nearly kept the secret from his chapel mates, but in some manner it became known. The chapel members extended to the newlyweds their hearty congratulations and gave as a further expression a token of good wishes in the form of a check. Congratulations and a long and happy married life, Mr. and Mrs. Miner.

Tommy Turner and family left Wednesday for a vacation around these United States, traveling south to San Diego, thence to Texas, New Orleans, Florida, up the East Coast to New York, coming West through Chicago to the Yellowstone National Park. The trip is expected to take about two months, traveling by automobile.

What price politics?—a question. Two blistered feet—an answer by one candidate.

Word from Don Boone, visiting in the "deep South," reports that the Southern cooking, famed throughout the world, is still "aces high" with him and that the trip is a complete success.

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Mrs. J. H. McDermott, wife of Mickey McDermott, suffered severe injuries in a fall in her home early this week. McDermott reports that the extent of her injuries is not fully known (Tuesday), but that she is responding to treatment.



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## Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The regular monthly meeting of the union was held at Labor Temple on Sunday afternoon, May 9. Besides routine business, newly elected officers were installed for the ensuing mailer year. A run-off will also be held between the two highest contestants for vice-president, Ed Karby and Leroy Bennetts.

At a recent union meeting of a prominent M. T. D. U. union a battle royal took place between the anti-M. T. D. U. faction and the president, in which the latter admitted mailers received no benefits from affiliation with the M. T. D. U. Yet the president did not deem it a wise policy for the union to secede from the M. T. D. U. Upon what grounds he based his arguments for affiliation with that body has not as yet been ascertained. In the opinion of members favoring secession, a referendum on the question would result in the union seceding from the M. T. D. U. The best policy would be to send the question to a referendum.

Officers and members of Philadelphia, Pa., and Minneapolis, Minn., mailer (M. T. D. U.) unions the past several months have made creditable progress in organization work and the signing of new contracts with newspapers in those cities. The former has shown an increase in membership of 185, the latter 50, with organization work still being carried on in their respective unions.

The 225 unorganized mailers employed on the Crowell Company publications were recently given an increase in pay. The amount of increase in wage given them by this company, and whether or not it carried with it a reduction in working hours, has not been learned as yet. The McCall Publication Company of Dayton, Ohio, employs approximately eighty mailers. From advices at hand, it is probable the unorganized mailers on the McCall publications will be given an increase in pay. It may be the increase and probable increase in pay given unorganized mailers on the Crowell and McCall publications is another example of the "generous" impulse on the part of employers to forestall the organization of those mailers. On the wave of sentiment to organize, now sweeping the country, is the proper time to get busy and "make hay while the sun shines." Time and expense in that direction would be money well spent, beyond any doubt. Total unorganized mailers on the Crowell and McCall publications—305—would increase mailer per capita to the I. T. U. to an appreciable extent. At all events, they, like printers, are better in than outside the I. T. U. Approximately seventy per cent of the mailers organized the past year have organized themselves.

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## Continue Negotiations With Department Stores

By CARMEN LUCIA

Negotiations with the six major department stores in the city were to be resumed today (Friday) between the Retail Drygoods Association and the Department Store Employees' Union.

After a strenuous debate with the employers the union won a signal victory by securing May 15 as the retroactive date of the agreement. A list of eighty-four stores submitted by the Association for possible negotiations was held in abeyance by the union until the list can be scrutinized and the strength of the organization determined in each of these stores.

Meanwhile the organization in both the department stores and the women's specialty shops continues unabated. The local now has 4500 enrolled paid members in its ranks. Because of this rapid growth, the local has found it necessary to call for nomination of another business agent. Five additional delegates to the Labor Council are to be nominated also. Elections will be held on Monday, May 17.

Local No. 1100 has opened up a suite of offices in the Golden Gate Building (Room 210). Telephone numbers are Ordway 8782 and 8783.

### EDISON INDUSTRIES UNION

The United Electrical and Radio Workers of West Orange, N. J., has been recognized by the Thomas A. Edison Industries, Inc., as the bargaining agency for all its members working in the company's plant. The recognition came through a conference between the union leaders and the company management. The U. E. R. W. is a C. I. O. affiliate. William Mitchell, national organizer for the union, says that a vast majority of the 2500 workers in the Edison plant are members of the union. A canvass will be made to determine their exact number before a program of wages and hours is submitted to the company officials.

### Patternmakers Secure Increased Pay Before Returning to Pontiac Plant

When the auto workers recently struck at the General Motors Coach and Truck Company in Pontiac, Mich., the patternmakers walked out under the direction of the local business representative of the Patternmakers' Association.

After the strike was settled the patternmakers were called back, but not until an agreement had been negotiated with the management recognizing the Association as the bargaining agent for its members and establishing a minimum starting rate of \$1.25 per hour, which was a decided increase over the old rate.

The men in the truck plant are 100 per cent organized in the Patternmakers' Association, an A. F. of L. unit. It is also announced that in two weeks more than 100 patternmakers employed by the Ford plants in Detroit were initiated as new members of the Association.

Officials of the patternmakers have recently ne-

gotiated a union shop agreement and wage scale with forty-two shops in Michigan providing for increased pay, the forty-hour week and seniority rights.

### FAMED SONG WRITER RESTS HERE

That the author of one of America's most famed folk songs rests in San Francisco was recently brought to public attention by the Federal Writers' Project engaged in compiling a tourist handbook of the United States. In Laurel Hill cemetery, in an ivy covered tomb with a rusty iron door, lie the remains of Samuel Woodworth, author of "The Old Oaken Bucket." Woodworth died in New York City December 9, 1842. In 1864 his son, stationed in San Francisco as a commander in the navy, had his father's remains brought to their present resting place. Most of Woodworth's living descendants are now said to be residing in this city.

### A SPLENDID GIFT

One hundred and sixty acres of wooded land north of Calistoga, in Lake County, has been donated to the summer camp project of the Maritime Federation's Division of Junior Unions, it is announced. The donor is Dr. Herbert Scholtz of Oakland. The camp will furnish a two weeks' outing for three groups of 100 each during the summer. Boys and girls who have parents who are members of unions are eligible. The age limit is between eight and fifteen.

### Anti-Union Restaurant Owner Loses Suit Against Labor Paper

A recent decision handed down by Judge G. A. Rodgers in Phoenix, Ariz., is interpreted as permitting a labor paper to declare that a firm is "unfair" to workers without being liable to a suit for damages.

The case was started in the summer of 1935 during a strike of the Phoenix culinary crafts against the Court House Cafe, operated by one Golfinos, who refused to pay the union wage scale to his waitresses. Subsequently the Central Labor Council of Phoenix placed the restaurant on the "unfair" list. Pickets employed by the Cooks and Waiters' Union patrolled the restaurant.

The "Arizona Labor Journal," official organ of the Arizona State Federation of Labor, put out a special edition of the paper carrying the headline, "Court House Cafe Unfair." The papers were sold in front of the cafe.

Golfinos brought suit for \$35,000 against the "Arizona Labor Journal," the State Federation of Labor, the Cooks and Waiters' Union and the officials of the State Federation.

The case was argued June 15, 1936, Judge Rodgers taking the matter under advisement. In a recent decision, he dismissed the case.

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## A. F. of L. Survey Hits At "Price Profiteers"

The American Federation of Labor charges "price profiteers" with treason and urges President Roosevelt to name a commission as the first step in a program to bring about federal regulation of the cost of living.

In its monthly survey of business, the Federation submitted data in substantiation of Mr. Roosevelt's recent critical statement that prices of some products sharply exceeded the amount of wage increases granted the workers.

"To profiteer by raising prices at a time when more than 9,000,000 are still out of work in private industry is an act of treason against the welfare of the nation," the Federation said. "Every unnecessary price increase cuts production and eliminates possible jobs."

The survey emphasized that the need of holding prices in check while buying power recovers from the depression is the foremost problem before the nation today. A warning finger was pointed at methods adopted abroad in coping with the price situation—methods which hold a direct threat over thousands of American business men.

"Trade union members in foreign countries and farmers in the United States have greatly reduced the cost of goods they buy through consumers' co-operatives, these co-operatives starting in retail business and eventually taking over the manufacturing of goods they sell," the survey said. A central organization of co-operatives working with the government in Sweden, it was stated, has succeeded in raising the living standard by utilizing the advance of modern industry.

"In America, our immediate concern is to work out this problem of price control," the Federation emphasized. "This can be done by undertaking the task through joint effort in which labor shall fully share. A presidential commission to plan the first steps is the initial measure."

### KING-RAMSAY-CONNER CASE

The King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee has just published a twenty-four page pamphlet, entitled "The Ship Murder," giving in detail the history and incidents in connection with this case, which has become well known in the ranks of labor. The booklet is dedicated to the attorneys who went into court to bring out "the truth of a strange case in spite of all the machine could do." Copies are sold at 5 cents and can be procured at 112 Market Street.

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## S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, Market 0056.

### Synopsis of Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, May 7, 1937

Called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President John F. Shelley.

**Roll Call of Officers**—Secretary O'Connell excused.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

**Credentials**—Electrical Workers No. 6, Chas. Bowman, Chas. West, Ed Porath, Louis Mantler, C. W. Swanson, additional delegates. Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, Hazel Matesen vice Elizabeth Wray. Newspaper Distributors and Circulation Employees, Henry Nedderman, Jack Goldberger, E. R. Winchester, additional. Display and Cardwriters 319, F. R. Erickson. Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen 410, F. R. Fitzsimmons, J. B. Torrenga, additional. Street Car Men Division 1004, Joe Toledo vice Maurice Nicoletti. Waitresses 48, Frankie Behan vice Ora Irwin. Delegates seated.

**Communications**—Filed: Minutes of Building Trades Council, additional sections of new constitution. Laundry Drivers 256, announcing union favors strict enforcement of Ordinance 5491, Fair Trade Code on Cleaning Industry. Attorney George T. Davis, acknowledging receipt of check for \$300 to be applied for printing Mooney brief. Twin City Miners' Union, Nevada City, Calif., resolution protesting against actions of State Highway Patrol at Stockton, and verbal report of President Shelley as to his acts in connection with similar resolutions adopted by this Council two weeks before.

Referred to Executive Committee: Request of Bill Posters and Billers to amend present wage scales with firms by advancing scale for 1937 to equal scale that was proposed to take effect July, 1938. Wage scale and agreement of Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Makers. Patternmakers' wage scale for all shops in the Bay district. Structural Pest Control and Exterminators No. 4, complaint against the Insecticide Company, Phelan building. California Building Maintenance Company, request that company be removed from unfair list. The following donations to Mooney appeal fund were received: Aurora, Ill., Trades and Labor Assembly, \$3; Kenosha, Wis., Trades and Labor Assem-

bly, \$5; Los Angeles A. F. of L. Mooney and Billings committee, \$100; San Diego A. F. of L. committee, \$48.88; Rock Springs Central Council, \$5; Virginia, Minn., Central Labor Union, \$3. Total, \$164.88.

Referred to Law and Legislative Committee: Delegate Stanley Leavell of Civil Service Building Maintenance Employees No. 66, resolution proposing amendment to proposed ordinance pertaining to rules for sick leaves for city employees. (Committee to meet Tuesday evening, as hearing at City Hall will be held Wednesday.)

Referred to Labor Clarion: Information from Social Security Board explaining procedure for filing claims for lump-sum payments under wage earners' retirement provisions of Federal Social Security Act. Information from San Bernardino Printing Pressmen, announcing that Acme Color Printing Company, Ltd., and "Five Star Weekly" of San Bernardino are now fair, and should be removed from all unfair lists. Office Employees 13188 of San Francisco, announcing minimum wage rates for stenographers in private employment: For a 44-hour week, \$32.50; for a 33-hour week, \$30; all overtime payable at time and one-half; temporary or emergency work, not less than \$5 a day. Cannery and Preserve Workers, notice that they have moved to room 211, 320 Market street.

**Resolution**—In memoriam Michael Casey, presented by officers of the Labor Council, read, and on motion adopted by a rising vote and delegates standing in silence for one minute. (Printed elsewhere in Labor Clarion.)

**Executive Committee**—Report of meeting held May 3. Committee heard complaint of Department Store Employees 1100 against S. H. Kress Department Store for discharge of two girls for union activities; referred to officers. Complaint of Janitors against Garter Furniture Co., laid over one week, union not being represented. Wage scale and agreement of Pharmacists No. 838, indorsed, subject to usual conditions. Wage scale of Production Machine Operators discussed in detail and negotiations thereon with employers; strike sanction granted both by the A. F. of L. and, on recommendation of committee, by this Council. Difficulties of securing recognition for Automobile Salesmen by dealers, discussed at length, and referred to officers and committee to deal with. Report concurred in.

**Organizing Committee**—Reported having advised Dental Mechanics and Technicians to apply for affiliation with the Jewelry Workers in conformity with their jurisdiction. Recommended that Displaymen and Cardwriters 319 be granted affiliation, and advised the United Textile Workers to be represented before committee at next meeting. At meeting held May 7 committee laid plans for the organization of several groups of office employees, such as those working in banks, insurance offices and in other private offices. Committee also heard from the Jewelry Workers that they will take over the Dental Mechanics and Technicians. Report concurred in.

**Reports of Unions**—Cigar and Liquor Clerks are organizing and presenting demands to 250 stores (were advised first to affiliate and pay their dues to this Council, before assuming rights as an affiliated body). Department Store Clerks reported negotiating with employers, and meet with jurisdictional queries; have organized 4000 employees, and request the co-operation of other unions as recommended by the Council. Building Maintenance Employees have taken a strike vote, and may go out. Culinary Workers reported on the hotel strike, which is very effective, and unions were complimented on their methods of peaceful picketing. Laundry Workers are negotiating with French laundries. Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Makers are holding conferences with employers. Warehousemen report signing agreement with Western Sugar Refinery, and thank Labor Council organizing committee and President Shelley for

assistance. Ornamental Iron Workers initiated eighty-three in this city and twenty-two across the Bay; membership steadily growing; will not cross any picket lines. Can Workers reported, through Brother Shelley, the workings and organization of the union and its dealings with the Pacific, Western and American Can companies, and secured signed agreements with improved conditions; he stated that the C. I. O. at first did not interfere, but recently has sought to persuade members to break away to the C. I. O. He severely condemned such tactics, and the delegates signified they would back up his stand, and that such tactics will not be tolerated in San Francisco. Auto Mechanics have organized 95 per cent of all mechanics at the trade, and also complained of activities of the C. I. O. in attempting to induce organization into their ranks by setting the scale for mechanics at 75 cents an hour as against the recognized scale of \$1 an hour established by the Auto Mechanics' Union. The Hatters have signed up the Superior Hat Shop. Culinary Workers have organized Hotel Roosevelt, which conducted a fight against them for a long time, and the policy of the hotel will hereafter be entirely union; they ask also that Manning's Coffee Shop in the Bay City Market be not patronized. Operating Engineers stated they will give all assistance possible to the hotel workers in their present strike. United Textile Workers are negotiating with Gantner & Mattern and seeking to organize the factory. Sears & Roebuck are negotiating with the Department Store Clerks. Automobile Parts and Accessories Clerks have signed up a number of concerns, but so far have not secured the signature of Levin's.

At this point in the proceedings George Slater, international representative of the United Garment Workers, was introduced to the delegates and stated he would at some other meeting give an account of the great work of organization he has been engaged in in this community.

Delegate Ward of the Theatrical Stage Employees reported for the special committee appointed by the Labor Council and the Building Trades Council to cooperate with the Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta Committee for the holding of the great labor ball Saturday, May 29, in the Civic Auditorium. It will be a great affair, and it will be up to organized labor to make the ball a grand success. The proceeds realized will be paid over to the families of the men who lost their lives in the terrible accident that occurred during the construction of the bridge. Tickets can be secured at the office of the Labor Council; general admission at \$1, and special seats at \$2 and \$5. All unions are requested to co-operate and assist in making the affair a success. Movie stars from Hollywood will be in attendance as an additional attraction.

On motion, the Council adjourned out of respect to the memory of Michael Casey, first vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America, and also out of respect to the memory of Emil Schaerer, former president of Bakers' Union No. 24, at the time of its re-organization in the year 1900.

**Receipts, \$730.63; expenditures, \$406.09.**

Adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

HENRY HEIDELBERG, Sec. pro tem.

Note—Demand the Union Label, Card and Button when making purchases and hiring labor or service.

—H. H.

## WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

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California Packing Corporation.  
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Don's Dollar Sedan Service, 925 Larkin.  
Drake Cleaners, 249 O'Farrell and 727 Van Ness.  
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.  
Foster's Lunches and Bakeries.

Goldberg, Bowen & Co., grocers, 242 Sutter.  
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers overalls and workmen's clothing.

Gordon's Sea Food Grotto, Ferry Building.

J. C. Hunkin's Grocery Stores.

Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.

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## In Memoriam

### MICHAEL CASEY

Adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council May 7, 1937.

Whereas, Michael Casey, the man who led the San Francisco Teamsters to well-earned victory and fame in 1901, a year in the labor history of San Francisco and California ever memorable as the birth of a new era in the progress of organized labor in the West under the banner of the American Federation of Labor, is no more and a new generation mourns at his bier in its march to carry forward the principles of honest, justice-loving labor, for the success of which he did as much and more than any other labor leader in this city has been able to do for the perpetuation of truth and justice in the relations between capital and labor; and

Whereas, Michael Casey was a man of strong body and soul, a leader of uncommon courage and fairness, the champion for upright, honest, God-fearing labor, a man of practical aims and ideals, willing to assume responsibility for his advice and actions; cautious, reasonable, determined and fearless in battling for what he felt was right and just, kind and forbearing towards all, friend or foe—qualities that gained for him life-long trust, love and respect, not only of his fellows in work but also among the antagonists in civic and industrial strife—a record of character and recognition that made him a worthy labor leader and spokesman, second to none in local history and in usefulness and honor to labor; and

Whereas, San Francisco, as a community of progressiveness and enterprise, and of a spirit that never gives up, received invaluable and devoted service at his hands during the rebuilding of the city from the ruins and destruction of public streets and utilities suffered in 1906, and through his honest, capable and energetic work of reconstruction, not only of public works, but of the organized labor movement and its political fortunes after their misfortunes suffered in that disastrous period—a service in citizenship and civic righteousness that brought to Michael Casey and his sturdy associates in the local movement civic confidence and recognition, and made Casey the outstanding and popular representative of labor in this community all through the years until ripe old age; a record of usefulness and distinction for which labor honors and loves his memory; therefore be it

Resolved, That we mourn and regret the passing of Michael Casey, and highly honor his record and memory, and feel grateful for his invaluable services to the labor movement and the city of his love and adoption; that we tender our deepest sympathy and condolences to his bereaved family and intimate friends, and that, as a further token of respect and appreciation, this resolution be made a part of our minutes, and copies thereof transmitted to the family of the deceased and to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters,

Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America, Teamsters' Joint Executive Council No. 7, and the Brotherhood of Teamsters and Truckdrivers No. 85 of San Francisco.

### AUXILIARY MONTHLY DANCE

The monthly dance of the Women's Auxiliary to Street Carmen's Union Division No. 1004 will be held this (Friday) evening at Knights of Columbus hall, 150 Golden Gate avenue. Admission is 40 cents and 25 cents respectively for gentlemen and ladies.

## Death of Pioneer Baker

Members of Bakers' Union No. 24 of San Francisco were saddened last week at the passing of a pioneer of the labor movement in the person of Emil Schaerer, who was also well known to the older members in the general ranks of union labor in the Bay area.

A native of Switzerland, the deceased emigrated to the United States over a half century ago, and at his death was approaching seventy years of age. Though for the past ten years confined to his home from paralysis, his previous activities in the cause of the workers in his craft grew to full harvest for a later generation. An international union organizer for the industry in this territory, his was the directing spirit in the founding of Bakers' Union No. 24, Bakery Drivers No. 484, Bakers No. 85 in Sacramento, No. 119 in Oakland, Cracker Bakers No. 125, San Francisco, and the latter's Women's Auxiliary.

He was also the leader in the historic fight for the bakers in San Jose in 1906 when a determined assault was made to crush unionism by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and which brought to the Bakers' support the combined financial and moral resources of the organized workers, the result of which is seen in the present strength of the bakery workers in San Jose, now a branch of the San Francisco body.

Following service at the Grant Miller parlors in Oakland, Thursday of last week, the remains were cremated. Members of the surviving family are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Emily Clayton and Mrs. Alice Beck, and a son, Emil, Jr.

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## A. F. of L. Membership

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, in a recent statement reports upon the membership standing of the parent body as follows:

"The paid and reported membership of the American Federation of Labor for April, 1937, is 3,867,577, which shows an increase of 1,740,781 over the membership for the year ending August 31, 1933.

"The affiliated unions, including the local trade and federal labor unions, and not including the ten national and international unions that stand automatically suspended since September 5, 1936, show an increase since September 5, 1936, of 445,179 paid and reported members over the average membership for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1936."

### OPPOSE STRIKE LEGISLATION

Opposition to all pending legislation to regulate trade unions or strike tactics has been announced by the American Civil Liberties Union. The union's directors take the position that such legislation now is "necessarily hasty and ill-advised." A special committee is studying the problem.

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## Sales Tax "Tokens"

By a vote of 57 ayes to 11 noes the California Assembly this week passed a sale tax "token" bill and sent the measure to the Senate for concurrence.

The measure was introduced by Assemblyman Lyon of Los Angeles. Under its provisions shoppers in California will carry "State money" having valuation as low as one-tenth of a cent, with which to pay the sales tax on purchases of five cents or more.

The author of the measure stated that it was sponsored by small merchants who have been absorbing the tax on minor purchases. The system is in use in certain other states. In Missouri the "tokens" are of printed cardboard with familiar resemblance to milk bottle tops, while in other states they are of aluminum or other metal.

In opposing the California measure, Assemblyman Muldoon asked: "Isn't this a good way to do away with the sales tax by making the public so sick of the tax that they will do away with it altogether?"

Union labor has consistently opposed the sales tax in any form. Present indications, however, seem to point to failure in procuring any relief from the present legislature. A bill for reduction of one-half cent in the current sales tax rate and total of the penalty on exemption on food sold in restaurants has failed to pass at this session, though it was pointed out by some of the lawmakers that the fiscal condition of the state would justify this slight relief.

In California, where millions are spent, as in other states, for "relief," a purchase of a meal amounting to fifteen cents—either through choice or necessity—is taxed one cent.

### KNEW HER PROVERBS

Little Betty, watching the farm hands spreading out a stack of hay to dry, could contain her curiosity no longer, so she politely asked: "Is it a needle you're looking for?"

### Information on Existing Wage Rates From Secretary of Office Employees

Secretary William T. Bonsor of Office Employees' Association No. 13188, San Francisco, has notified the Labor Council, in an official communication, of the existing minimum wage scale of the Office Employees in so-called private employment. The provisions are as follows:

For a forty-four-hour week, \$32.50 minimum; thirty-three-hour week, \$30 minimum; all over-

time at the rate of time and one-half on the above minimum rates; emergency or temporary work, not less than \$5 per day.

The above rates are ordinary minimum for the average office occupation and are not to be confused with the higher rates received by the Association members employed by the City and County. These latter rates are set by legislation and cover employees having the highest qualifications as proved by examinations. Mr. Bonsor also states that positions in private employment calling for high qualifications and coupled with responsibility are set at higher rates than those above quoted.

### Labor Council to Aid Organization of Bank and Insurance Office Group

The San Francisco Labor Council is to sponsor an organization campaign among bank clerks, insurance office employees and general office workers, estimated to number 20,000. Application will be made to the American Federation of Labor for a charter for these workers, and the present plan contemplates the setting up of a Federation of Office Employees, to include separate divisions for the three classes above mentioned.

It is stated that the existing Office Employees' Union No. 13188 has waived jurisdiction over the workers in private employment and will confine its activities to civil service employees and those employed in offices of various unions.

A meeting was to be held last night, with President Shelley of the Labor Council in attendance, to formally inaugurate the campaign and consolidate the preliminary steps that have been taken in behalf of these workers, who have long been subject to merciless exploitation.

### AND ONE-WAY ONLY?

A negro was being examined for a driver's license. "And what is the white line in the middle of the road for?" "Fo' bicycles," was the reply.

## Gate Bridge Opening

The Golden Gate Bridge, linking San Francisco and the Redwood Empire counties to the north, will be thrown open to pedestrians for the first time on Thursday, May 27, at 6 a. m.—the opening day of a week's Fiesta in San Francisco. It will remain open for public inspection by pedestrians exclusively until 6:30 p. m. They will be allowed to enter from either the San Francisco or Marin ends of the span. The bridge will be dedicated to vehicular traffic May 28.

John Charles Thomas, famous baritone, will have the leading male role in the glorious Fiesta pageant which is to be held during the Fiesta from May 27 to June 2 in San Francisco. The pageant will have a cast of 3000 and a symphonic orchestra of 100 pieces. It will be staged May 27, 28 and 30 in the Redwood Grove Theater, now being built at Crissy Field, in the Presidio of San Francisco.

Francis V. Keesling, prominent San Francisco attorney, will be the orator of the day at the formal opening of the Golden Gate Bridge on May 28. Keesling is a former director of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District and for many years was chairman of the district's building committee, which supervised the bridge construction plans.

Popular prices will prevail for reserved seats at all of the spectacular parades and pageants during the Fiesta. Ticket headquarters have been established at the Manx Hotel, Powell and O'Farrell streets, in San Francisco, where full information may be obtained.

### UNION IN NEW LOCATION

Cannery and Preserve Workers' Union No. 20379 announces the removal of its headquarters from 32 Clay street to 320 Market street, this city, and asks that all communications be addressed to the new location.



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